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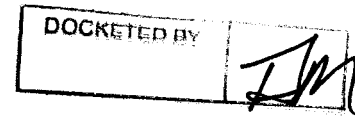


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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE,
INC. FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE
FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY FOR
RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND
REASONABLE RETURN THEREON AND TO
APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP
SUCH RETURN.

DOCKET NO. E-01773A-12-0305

**STAFF'S REQUEST FOR REVISION
OF SCHEDULE FOR FILING
TESTIMONY**

On July 5, 2012, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("AEPCO" or "Cooperative") filed its application for a determination by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") of the fair value of its property for ratemaking purposes, to fix a just and reasonable return thereon and to approve rates designed to develop such return.

On or about August 10, 2012, Commission Staff issued its Letter of Sufficiency.

On August 24, 2012, Staff filed a Proposed Schedule for Filing Dates. Staff stated therein that Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc. ("SWTC"), which provides wholesale transmission services to AEPCO, filed a rate application on August 3, 2012, in Docket No. E-04100-12-0353, and that both AEPCO and SWTC have requested that the implementation date of new rates and charges be synchronized. Staff stated that, as the witnesses in both cases may be the same, and the issues may be interrelated, Staff anticipated that it would seek to combine the hearings for AEPCO and SWTC following a finding that the SWTC application is sufficient.

On August 28, 2012, AEPCO filed a Response to Staff's Proposed Schedule, stating that it agreed with the procedural dates proposed by Staff, but that the hearings be kept separate, but scheduled consecutively in order to avoid any confusion on the different issues that might arise. On September 4, 2012, Staff filed a Reply to AEPCO's Response to Staff's Proposed Schedule. Staff stated that the SWTC case had become sufficient.

On September 11, 2012, a Procedural Order was issued, finding that the filing dates proposed by Staff in its August 24, 2012, filing and agreed to by AEPCO in its August 28, 2012, filing were

1 reasonable and would be incorporated into the procedural deadlines set forth therein. That Procedural
2 Order further stated that the hearing in this matter and in the SWTC matter would be set to
3 commence at the same date and time, and the actual conduct of both hearings determined during the
4 pre-hearing conference, also set to occur at the same date and time for both matters.

5 On August 22, 2012, Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico") filed a Motion to Intervene,
6 and intervention was granted on September 11, 2012,

7 On December 20, 2012, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Sulphur
8 Springs") filed a Motion to Intervene, which was granted on February 7, 2013.

9 The following schedule was ordered in the September 11, 2012, Procedural Order:

10 Staff & Intervenors' Direct Testimony except Rate Design	Wednesday March 6, 2013
11 Staff Direct & Intervenors' Testimony Rate Design only	Monday March 25, 2013
12 AEPCO Rebuttal Testimony	Monday April 22, 2013
13 Staff & Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony	Monday May 20, 2013
14 AEPCO Rejoinder Testimony	Monday June 10, 2013
15 Objections to testimony or exhibits that have prefiled as of June 10, 2013	At or before the Pre-Hearing Conference on July 22, 2013
16 Pre-Hearing Conference	Monday July 22, 2013
Hearing	July 29, 2013

17 Subsequently, Staff submitted a number of Data Requests to AEPCO which required
18 extensive research and documentation. Although AEPCO has been diligent in providing its
19 responses, the volume required has resulted in significant delays in the full and complete responses to
20 Staff, and such responses continue to be provided as of the date of this Request. As a result, Staff
21 will not be able to file Direct Testimony pursuant to the above schedule. Staff, AEPCO and Trico
22 have discussed and agreed to a modified schedule which results in no changes in the Pre-Hearing or
23 Hearing dates, but merely extends the time for the filing of testimony and the objections thereto.
24 Staff has been unable to reach Sulphur Springs to obtain its consent.

25 The proposed revised schedule is as follows (with revised dates appearing in boldface type):

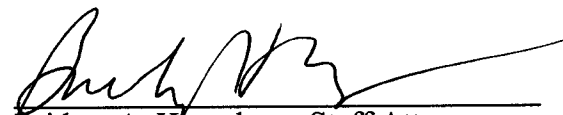
26 Staff & Intervenors' Direct Testimony except Rate Design	Tuesday April 29, 2013
27 Staff Direct & Intervenors' Testimony Rate Design only	Monday May 20, 2013
28 AEPCO Rebuttal Testimony	Monday June 10, 2013
Staff & Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony	Wednesday July 3, 2013

1	AEPCO Rejoinder Testimony	Wednesday July 17, 2013
2	Objections to testimony or exhibits that have been prefiled as of July 17, 2013	At or before the Pre- Hearing Conference on July 22, 2013
3	Pre-Hearing Conference	Monday July 22, 2013
4	Hearing	July 29, 2013

5 The remaining provisions of the September 11, 2012, Procedural Order would remain in
6 place.

7 Based on the foregoing recitals, Staff requests that the filing schedule be revised as set forth
8 herein.

9 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of February, 2013.

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